

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for April 2006

Region 8

June 2006

APRIL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(preliminary)

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AREA	4/06(p)	3/06	4/05
U.S.	4.5%	4.8%	4.7%
INDIANA	4.8%	5.4%	4.9%
EGR 8*	4.9%	5.6%	5.4%
Bloomington MSA**	4.3%	5.0%	5.0%
Brown	4.6%	6.3%	5.1%
Daviess	3.4%	3.9%	4.0%
Greene	5.4%	6.2%	6.3%
Lawrence	6.9%	7.8%	7.5%
Martin	5.3%	6.1%	4.9%
Monroe	3.9%	4.5%	4.5%
Orange	8.0%	8.7%	7.3%
Owen	4.9%	5.7%	5.9%
Bedford	10.1%	10.8%	10.9%
Bloomington	3.8%	4.3%	4.4%
Linton	7.6%	8.0%	8.7%
Loogootee	6.4%	7.5%	7.3%
Nashville	11.8%	17.9%	13.6%
Paoli	8.8%	9.0%	8.2%
Spencer	13.4%	15.0%	16.2%
Washington	4.7%	5.2%	5.1%



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REGIONAL, STATE, & METROPOLITAN UNEMPLOYMENT

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in April, 2006. Overall, 32 states and the District of Columbia registered over-the-month unemployment rate increases, 8 states recorded decreases, and 10 states had no change reported the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. Over the year, jobless rates declined in 36 states and the District of Columbia, rose in 11 states, and stayed the same in 3 states.

Mississippi—where unemployment remains elevated following Hurricane Katrina—posted the highest unemployment rate in April at 7.7 percent. Hawaii reported the lowest unemployment rate at 2.8 percent.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported unemployment rates were lower in April than a year earlier in 277 of the 367 metropolitan areas, higher in 68 areas, and unchanged in 22 areas. Forty-three metropolitan areas, including 29 in the South, registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent. Six areas, three of which were located in California, recorded rates of at least 10.0 percent.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

RANK – APR 2006	COUNTY	APR 2006 RATE (p)
1	Orange	8.0%
4	Lawrence	6.9%
28	Greene	5.4%
31	Martin	5.3%
45	Owen	4.9%
55	Brown	4.6%
79	Monroe	3.9%
91	Daviess	3.4%
92	Hamilton	2.8%

SURROUNDING STATES APRIL 2006 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (Preliminary Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois – 5.0% Indiana – 4.8% Kentucky – 5.9% Michigan – 6.8% Ohio – 5.4%

BLOOMINGTON MSA

(Greene, Monroe, and Owen Counties in Indiana)

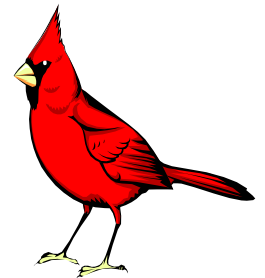


WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	APR 2006	MAR 2006	APR 2005	CHANGE FROM MAR 2006 TO APR 2006				APR 2005 TO APR 2006	
Total Nonfarm	82,500	82,000	83,200	+500	+0.6%	-700	-0.8%		
Goods Producing	13,400	13,100	13,200	+300	+2.3%	+200	+1.5%		
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	4,200	3,900	4,200	+300	+7.7%	+0	+0.0%		
Manufacturing	9,200	9,200	9,000	+0	+0.0%	+200	+2.2%		
Durable Goods	6,700	6,700	6,600	+0	+0.0%	+100	+1.5%		
Service Providing	69,100	68,900	70,000	+200	+0.3%	-900	-1.3%		
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	12,500	12,300	12,500	+200	+1.6%	+0	+0.0%		
Wholesale Trade	2,100	2,000	2,000	+100	+5.0%	+100	+5.0%		
Retail Trade	8,900	8,800	9,000	+100	+1.1%	-100	-1.1%		
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	1,500	1,500	1,500	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%		
Information	1,200	1,200	1,300	+0	+0.0%	-100	-7.7%		
Financial Activities	3,000	2,900	3,000	+100	+3.4%	+0	+0.0%		
Professional & Business Services	6,600	6,500	6,400	+100	+1.5%	+200	+3.1%		
Educational & Health Services	9,700	9,700	9,600	+0	+0.0%	+100	+1.0%		
Leisure & Hospitality Services	8,000	7,800	8,200	+200	+2.6%	-200	-2.4%		
Other Services	2,900	2,900	2,900	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%		
Government	25,200	25,600	26,100	-400	-1.6%	-900	-3.4%		
Federal Government	500	600	600	-100	-16.7%	-100	-16.7%		
State Government	17,900	18,100	18,700	-200	-1.1%	-800	-4.3%		
Local Government	6,800	6,900	6,800	-100	-1.4%	+0	+0.0%		
Local Government Education	3,800	3,900	3,700	-100	-2.6%	+100	+2.7%		

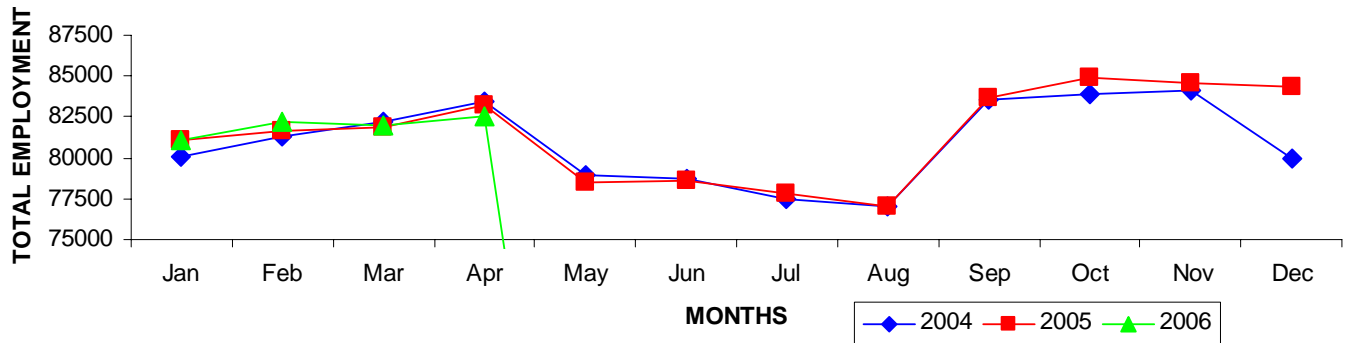
BLOOMINGTON MSA WAGE & SALARIED EMPLOYMENT JANUARY – APRIL 2006 & YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	RUNNING AVERAGE
TOTAL NONFARM	81,100	82,200	82,000	82,500	82,000
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	3,900	3,900	3,900	4,200	4,000
Manufacturing	9,100	9,200	9,200	9,200	9,200
Trade, Transportation, Mining, & Utilities	12,300	12,300	12,300	12,500	12,400
Information Services	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Financial Activities	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,900
Professional & Business Services	6,400	6,400	6,500	6,600	6,500
Educational & Health Services	9,500	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700
Leisure & Hospitality	7,700	7,800	7,800	8,000	7,800
Other Services	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900
Government	25,300	25,900	25,600	25,200	25,500



Notes for both tables: Current month data are preliminary. Data are rounded and may not add to total. Data are based on 2005 benchmark and subject to benchmarking in 2007.
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics Program in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

BLOOMINGTON MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.

Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

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U.S. City Average

Unadjusted percent change to April 2006 from:

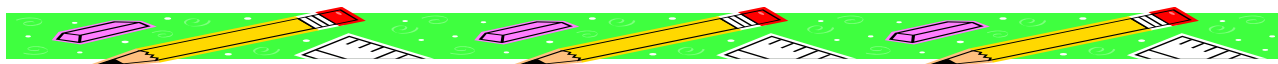
	Apr 05	Mar 06
All Items	3.5%	.9%
Food & Beverages	1.8%	-.2%
Housing	3.8%	.2%
Apparel	-.2%	1.1%
Transportation	6.3%	3.8%
Medical Care	4.1%	.3%
Recreation	1.7%	.5%
Education & Communication	2.6%	.2%
Other Goods & Services	2.7%	.0%





MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE TOTAL ALL CLAIMS FILED

	Apr. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2005	Previous Month % Change	Previous Year % Change
Bedford	5,387	6,157	4,818	-12.5%	11.8%
Bloomington	5,480	7,024	6,428	-22.0%	-14.7%
Linton	1,818	2,278	2,152	-20.2%	-15.5%
INDIANA	253,681	292,533	241,145	-13.3%	5.2%



Region 8 Job Openings

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 8 (Bedford, Bloomington, and Linton) received during April 2006. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.

SELECTED APRIL 2006 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR REGION 8

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$9.30	\$16.31	\$25.00
Truck Drivers, Light-Including Delivery	6.25	9.96	16.25
Cashiers, General	5.15	6.76	9.05
Assemblers	8.40	8.45	8.50
Production Laborers	5.15	6.82	8.50
Waiters & Waitresses	3.86	5.27	6.75
Electronic Components Assemblers	8.50	11.75	15.00
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	5.15	5.92	7.99
Welders & Cutters	9.00	9.38	9.75
Salespersons: Retail	5.15	7.27	11.00
General Office Clerks	6.50	8.21	10.00
Hand Packers & Packagers	8.00	8.48	8.95
Janitors & Cleaners	5.15	5.81	9.38
Cooks: Institution/Cafeteria	5.15	5.92	8.50
Cooks: Restaurant	\$5.15	\$5.96	\$8.00

Region 10* APPLICANT POOL

April 30, 2006



The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by applicants.

Region 10* Job Titles

Assemblers	3,547
Production Laborers	2,165
General Office Clerks	1,246
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	1,231
Cashiers, General	1,209
All Other Machine Operators	1,142
Hand Packers & Packagers	1,132
All Other Hand Workers	1,116
Production Helpers	1,026
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,015
File Clerks	909
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	813
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	794
Administrative Assistants	788
All Other Precision Assemblers	769
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	754
Secretaries – Other	717
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	696
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	696
Machine Assemblers	696

Number of Applicants



The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Applicant Pool on the Site Map/Index.

*WIP REGION 10 WAGE DEMAND INFORMATION

The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the applicants' desired wages and the number of applicants registered in CS3. The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work that they would like to obtain. An average wage demand and median wage demand are calculated for the selected geographical area. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Wage Demand on the Site Map/Index..

AREA (4/30/06)	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
*WIP REGION 10	\$21,627	\$17,680	10,652
Bartholomew	\$23,569	\$20,800	1,282
Brown	\$26,211	\$20,800	295
Daviess	\$26,248	\$17,680	550
Greene	\$17,161	\$15,600	1,948
Jackson	\$29,660	\$19,760	696
Jennings	\$27,396	\$20,800	629
Lawrence	\$23,419	\$17,576	1,966
Martin	\$20,960	\$18,720	231
Monroe	\$19,356	\$16,640	2,991
Orange	\$25,748	\$17,680	711
Owen	\$20,599	\$17,680	845

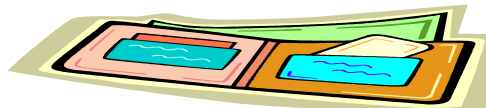


*WIP Region 10 includes Bartholomew, Brown, Greene, Jackson, Jennings, Lawrence, Monroe, and Owen Counties.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

AREA	2004	% CHANGE FROM 2003
UNITED STATES	\$33,050	5.0%
INDIANA	\$30,204	4.6%
Bloomington, IN MSA	\$25,535	5.6%
Brown	\$29,865	4.6%
Daviess	\$25,578	7.6%
Greene	\$24,393	5.5%
Lawrence	\$25,452	3.1%
Martin	\$24,211	6.4%
Monroe	\$26,330	5.7%
Orange	\$22,161	5.1%
Owen	\$23,008	5.1%

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis provides per capita personal income. Per capita personal income is determined by dividing an area's total income by the area's population. Income levels of certain population groups may impact per capita personal income. For example, the presence of a large institutional population (ie college, prison, or state hospital) will tend to lower the per capita personal income of the area in which it is located. The BEA web address is: <http://www.bea.gov/>



2004 ANNUAL PAY LEVELS

The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics web site, <http://stats.bls.gov>, provides national, state, and metropolitan statistical area average annual pay levels for workers covered by state and federal Unemployment Insurance programs.

AREA	2004 AVERAGE PAY	% CHANGE 2003-2004
U.S. TOTAL	\$39,354	4.2%
ILLINOIS	\$42,277	4.3%
INDIANA	\$34,694	3.9%
KENTUCKY	\$33,165	4.1%
MICHIGAN	\$40,373	2.4%
OHIO	\$36,441	3.7%
Anderson, IN MSA	\$31,719	1.0%
Bloomington, IN MSA	\$29,288	2.5%
Columbus, IN MSA	\$38,076	4.3%
Elkhart-Goshen, IN MSA	\$34,626	4.6%
Evansville, IN-KY MSA	\$34,388	3.9%
Fort Wayne, IN MSA	\$34,204	2.4%
Indianapolis, IN MSA	\$38,968	4.4%
Kokomo, IN MSA	\$44,394	5.4%
Lafayette, IN MSA	\$34,064	4.3%
Michigan City-LaPorte, IN MSA	\$30,065	4.4%
Muncie, IN MSA	\$30,742	2.9%
South Bend-Mishawaka, IN-MI MSA	\$33,812	3.8%
Terre Haute, IN MSA	\$29,839	2.9%
Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN MSA	\$39,170	4.3%
Louisville, KY-IN MSA	\$36,466	5.2%
Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro, TN MSA	\$37,394	3.8%
Owensboro, KY MSA	\$30,606	2.5%
St. Louis, MO-IL MSA	\$38,640	3.2%



INDIANA LAUNCHES NEW LABOR MARKET INFORMATION WEBSITE

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Research & Analysis has a new website - **Hoosiers by the Numbers**. This website replaces INEWS and will be a valuable tool for our customers. The new website is part of a major upgrade of the content and usability of the labor market data the department regularly compiles on Indiana's workforce.

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